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Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

2013–14 CALIFORNIA LONGITUDINAL PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT DATA SYSTEM UPDATE

This letter provides an update on the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) 2013–14 data submissions and CALPADS changes for 2014–15.

UPDATE ON 2013–14 CALPADS FALL DATA SUBMISSIONS

Congratulations to the over 99 percent of local educational agencies (LEAs) and independently reporting charter (IRC) schools that certified Fall 1 data by the final deadline. Certified Fall 1 data is available on the DataQuest Web site at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

CHANGE TO 2013–14 END-OF-YEAR PRIORITIES AND SCHEDULE

The End-of-Year (EOY) submission window opened May 12, 2014, and closes on July 18, 2014, the certification deadline. LEAs are to be reminded that there will be **no amendment window for the EOY submissions** in order to implement necessary changes to CALPADS file submissions that will take effect for the 2014–15 year. In recognition of the shortened submission window, we encourage your staff to prioritize EOY submissions as follows:

- EOY 2 – Program Participation
- EOY 3 – Student Discipline
- EOY 4 – Student Waivers
- EOY 1 – Course Completion

Data collected in the EOY 2 and EOY 3 submissions are required for federal reporting and should be prioritized first. LEAs that fail to certify EOY 1 will not receive a “missed deadline” letter.

Due to the shortened submission window, it is recommended that LEAs begin uploading EOY files as soon as possible. This will enable LEAs to review and address any major issues, thus facilitating the final upload and certification of the EOY submissions once schools close.

GETTING READY FOR 2014–15 CALPADS CHANGES

As announced in my letter dated February 6, 2014, we are preparing for important changes to CALPADS to further improve data quality and submission processes for LEAs. Beginning May 27, 2014, student information system (SIS) vendors and LEAs with custom systems will have an opportunity to test the new and modified file formats and other changes. LEAs should work directly or through their SIS vendors and take advantage of this testing opportunity. CALPADS will only accept the new and modified formats beginning July 28, 2014. Webcast training on the changes to CALPADS will be available in August.

IMPORTANCE OF CALPADS DATA TO MISSION CRITICAL FUNCTIONS

CALPADS serves as the official data source for multiple, critical purposes, including funding, accountability, and assessment administration. The unduplicated count of disadvantaged students produced by CALPADS is the basis for the supplemental and concentration grant calculations of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Student enrollment/exit, demographic, and program data are used to determine the numerically significant student groups used for Title I and Title III accountability. Most recently, CALPADS enrollment data are now successfully being used to register students for the Smarter Balanced computer-based assessments, alleviating LEAs from having to submit and correct student data through assessment vendors.

In recognition of the importance of CALPADS to these key functions, the CDE continues to make improvements to increase CALPADS efficiency, such as the changes being made to the system this summer. We ask for your support in the implementation of these changes, as well as ongoing support of LEA CALPADS administrators and their staff, who through their work are playing an increasingly important role in all of these critical functions.

If you have any questions, please contact the CALPADS Service Desk using the Web form in CALPADS, or at <http://www2.cde.ca.gov/CALPADSHELP/DEFAULT.ASPX>, or by e-mail at calpads-support@cde.ca.gov. The CALPADS Service Desk may also be reached by phone at 916-325-9210.

Sincerely,

/s/

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cc: LEA CALPADS Administrators